

September Job Postings 2019-2020 Comparison



October 2020

Job Demand during COVID-19

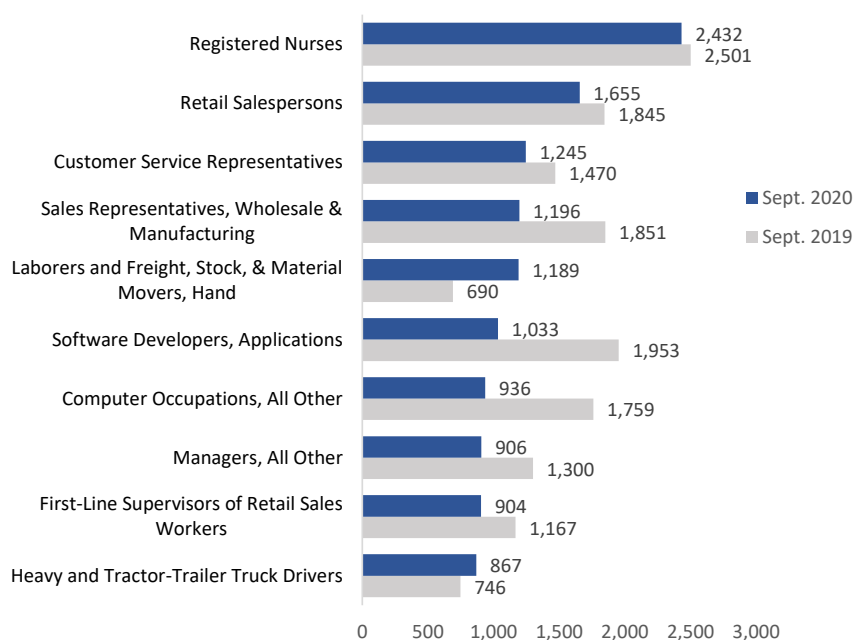
The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs as businesses shut down to prevent the spread. However, even during the economic uncertainty, some employers posted job ads. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In September 2020, there were a total of 46,665 online job postings, compared to 56,367 in September 2019, representing a 17 percent decrease. Job postings have decreased while the number of unemployed Missourians has increased. In September 2020, there were 3.1 unemployed Missourians for every job posting. In September 2019, there were 1.8 unemployed Missourians for every posting.

Top Occupations

The chart below shows the occupations with the most job postings in September 2020, compared to the number of job postings in September 2019. Similar to August, job ads for *Laborers and Material Movers* and *Truck Drivers* increased over the year as demand for essential consumer goods grew. Postings for *Laborers and Material Movers* increased 72 percent from September 2019 to 2020. *Software Developers, Applications; Computer Occupations, All Other*; and *Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing* showed the largest decreases.

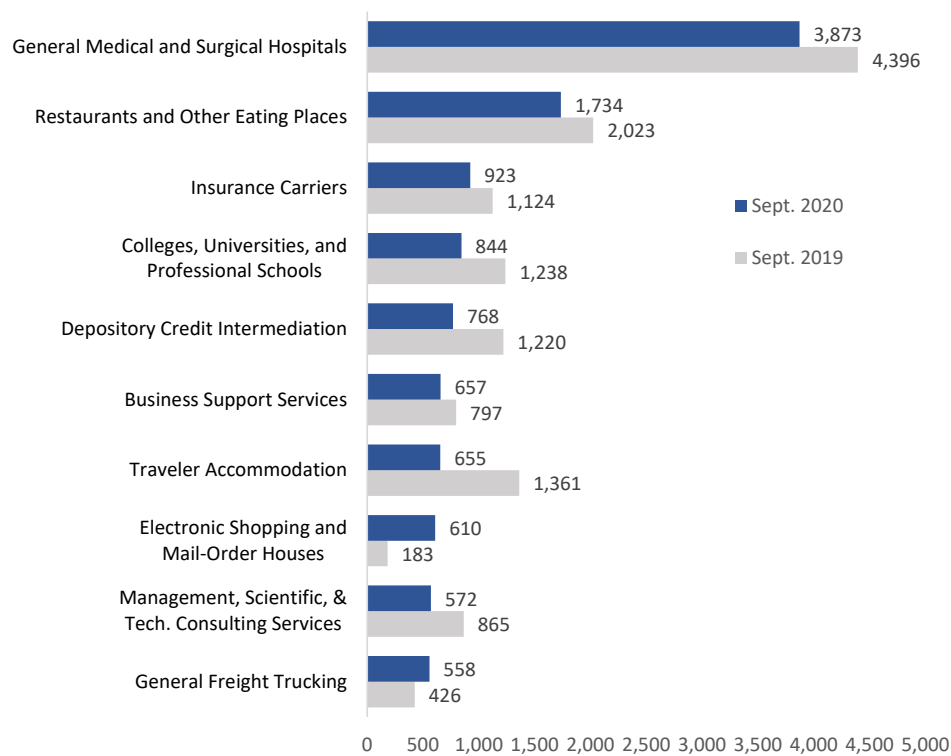
Occupations with the Most Online Job Postings



Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in September 2020, compared to September 2019. *Electronic Shipping and Mail Order Houses* (74%) and *General Freight Trucking* (24%) were the only industries to show over-the-year increases. These industries employ many *Truck Drivers* and *Laborers and Material Movers*, which were the only occupations with over-the-year increases. *Traveler Accommodations* showed the largest decrease, with postings decreasing by more than half. Other significant decreases occurred in *Depository Credit Intermediation* (-59%); *Management, Scientific, and Technical Services* (-51%); and *Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools* (-47%).

Industries with the Most Online Job Postings



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